

## CHRIST'S BLOOD AND FAITH

With very little real study , it is not difficult to establish from many portions of Old and New Testaments that "just having faith" is more than mental assent to a statement of supposed fact or acceptance of a specific belief. In our Bible, "having faith" refers exclusively to the initiating and implementing of those portions of God's Master Plan for man's well-being connected with a particular aspect of this faith.

1. What does the average Christian believe is required to experience the Lord's full protection in his every circumstance? It is probably fair to say that the average Christian does not believe it really is available to him in this day. Though he generally believes he is in the Lord's hands when he has the gift of personal "salvation" from "brimstone and fire forever and ever", he has, for the most part, only a future expectation of protection.

2. What should you believe is required for now experiencing the Lord's full protection in your every circumstance, from the present hour until you are glorified as is Christ? You could study the Bible hard in order to gain a growing understanding of what is being studied. You could then daily practice the principles which you come to see the Lord has designed into man's living process. (What we call "living" now is actually a dying process - deterioration.) You could learn to detect and delete that which tears down the body and poisons the soul. You could take the initiative to put those things underfoot and keep them down. In short, you could believe into Jesus Christ.

3. What is the drinking referred to by Jesus when He said, "Therefore, if any one is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink"? Without guessing, you can answer from your Bible. Jesus said the communion cup is the symbol of the New Covenant sealed in His blood and the wine having high spirit content symbolizes His immortal blood. In that blood courses no unrighteousness! The drinking of His blood is the internalizing of that which is utterly righteous. The blood is closely associated with the heart, and the heart is used to refer to the soul and its desire nature. That drinking is therefore to be seen as equivalent to continual and absolute faith in His blood-purchase. You and I belong to Him, with total responsibility toward Him to perform what He says. After you have been spiritually regenerated, you are not your own. The drinking is for the cleansing of your soul so it can be free of poisons and lead toward undying life for the physical body as well. It is (upon repentance) for the remission of the previous or recurrent sins of disbelieving this or that in life so those sins don't hang over the future. Christ's blood then becomes a channel or conduit for the continuous flow of the Lord's righteousness toward you.

4. Isn't the ready availability of Christ's immortal blood and faith a subject for much meditation and thanksgiving - and praise? It has spectacular properties mortal blood has never had!

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not lack anything He sees to be needful! Our Savior is also a most loving Father! Now live as though you believe this truth through and through.

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